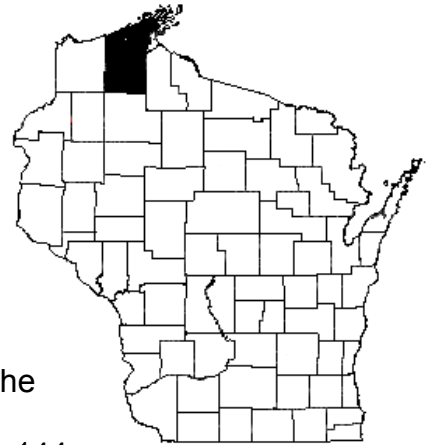




# Fish and Wildlife Conservation

How Fish and Wildlife Dollars Are Used in Your Backyard

## Bayfield County



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### **County characteristics**

- 1,509 sq. mi.
- Mostly forested: the Superior Coastal Plain historically was almost entirely forested is now a mix of forest, agriculture, and grassy-brush land. The Northwest Sands, which runs diagonally across the county, contains hundreds of kettle lakes and remnants of the once common pine barrens habitat type. The Southeastern part is mostly mixed northern hardwoods forest.
- Waters: There are 966 lakes, 209 miles of class I trout streams, 144 of class II trout streams and 67 miles of class III trout streams in Bayfield County. Many of the Bayfield peninsula streams receive salmon runs from Lake Superior.
- There are 15,013 residents living in Bayfield County.



### **Public Land Open to Hunting and Fishing**

- 18,245 acres of State wildlife, fisheries, and natural areas.
- Chequamegon National Forest: 270,145 acres
- Bayfield County Forest: 167,281 acres
- Apostle Islands National Lakeshore 6,028 acres

Locate DNR properties at:

[http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr\\_land\\_mapping.html](http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/land/facilities/dnr_land_mapping.html)

### **Fish and Wildlife Staff serving you**

- 2 Wildlife Biologist; 1 Wildlife Technician, 3 Fisheries Managers; 7 Fishery Technicians (includes Lake Superior and Inland fisheries staff); 2 Conservation Wardens, 1

Customer Service Representative. Office, 2501 Golf Course Rd., Ashland, 54806

- Staff also serves portions of Douglas and Ashland counties.

### **Activities Funded by Your Hunting and Fishing Dollars**

- Managing fisheries through surveys and harvest regulation.
- Namakagon Lake survey and report, Pike Lake chain survey and report, White River fisheries and creel survey in partnership with the Wild Rivers Chapter of Trout Unlimited.
- South Fork of the White River habitat improvement projects.
- Establish and maintain grassland and wetland habitat for waterfowl, sharp-tailed grouse, turkeys, and other wildlife species.
- Wetland restoration on private lands with cost sharing grants from NAWCA, USFWS, and Ducks Unlimited.
- Provide enforcement coverage for all fish, game, environmental, and recreational activities in the County. Bayfield Warden covers the waters of Lake Superior enforcing commercial fishing regulations for both State and Tribal fisherman along with enforcement of general fishing, sport fishing, and boating regulations.

### *Activities continued...*

- Monitor local wildlife populations of deer, bear, waterfowl, ruffed grouse, sharp-tailed grouse, woodcock, elk, frogs, timber wolves, furbearers, pine martins, eagles, osprey, and trumpeter swans.
- Provide wildlife damage and nuisance abatement information and assistance.
- Monitor wildlife diseases including CWD and West Nile Virus.
- Provide educational programs for schools, conservation organizations and civic groups.

## **Bayfield Conservation Snapshots**

DNR Boat Launches maintained  
Deer, Turkey & Bear Registration  
Stations operated



## **Fish Stocking Summary**

- 32 Lakes Stocked with 133,069 fish
- 2 Streams Stocked with 4,035 fish

## **County Success Stories**

- Turkey introduction program.
- Elk reintroduction in the Clam Lake area.
- Wildlife management on the Bayfield County Forest, especially forest wildlife openings maintenance and jack pine forest type maintenance.
- Wetland restoration and creation on private lands.
- Establishment of the White River Fisheries Area.
- Community Warden projects include the Youth fall Hunting Field Day sponsored by the ABC Sportsmen's Club. The Kid's Ice Fishing Day sponsored by the ABC Sportsmen's Club. Programs for local schools with the focus on the outdoors and natural resources. Fish fries for senior citizens.
- Worked with partners to improve trout stream habitat on the White River system and Lake Superior tributaries.
- Sharing of fisheries information with the public and conservation groups in Bayfield County.
- Wildlife staff provides input on county forest plans and helps develop wildlife projects on the Bayfield County Forest.

## **Statewide challenges to maintaining your hunting and fishing opportunities**

- Without a fee increase as proposed by Governor Doyle, the Department of Natural Resources will be forced make numerous cuts in:
  - Fish and wildlife stocking programs: Conservation law enforcement; Public hunting acres; Fish and wildlife field biologists and Customer services
- Keeping upland, shoreline and aquatic habitat intact and functional
- Multiple user conflicts - Increasing pressure on public lands
- Rapid growth – urban sprawl
- Nuisance wildlife and invasion by non-native species
- Disease management

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